

# MIAMI BEACH


OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

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## LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager



DATE: August 6, 2015

SUBJECT: Update on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Review of Alternative Sand Sources for Beach Renourishment

The purpose of this Letter to Commission is to provide information about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) newly released reports titled Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Identification of Alternative Sand Sources for the Remaining Period of Federal Participation, Dade County Beach Erosion Control and Hurricane Protection Project, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

In September 2014, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and USACE jointly prepared a Southeast Florida Sediment Availability and Needs Determination (SAND) Report to assess Southeast Florida's sand availability and needs for the next 50 years. The purpose of the Draft EA and FONSI reports is to review the environmental effects of utilizing the sand source alternatives identified in the SAND Report which have been determined to meet the requirements for future renourishments. The Draft EA and FONSI for Alternative Sand Sources are available for your review at the following link: <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/About/DivisionsOffices/Planning/EnvironmentalBranch/EnvironmentalDocuments.aspx#Dade>.

The USACE has approximately \$16 million allocated in FY16/17 for beach nourishment projects in Miami-Dade County. Based on the findings of these reports, the next project in FY16/17 will be a truck haul renourishment using sand from Central Florida. The project is anticipated to place approximately 220,000 cubic yards of sand in the vicinity of 46 Street and 53 Street erosional hot spots. The USACE will be holding a series of public meetings to present the reports and allow the public to provide comments and ask questions. The Miami-Dade County meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25 at Miami Beach City Hall in the Commission Chambers. Selected City staff will be in attendance to represent the City's interests.

Additionally, the USACE will be holding a special meeting for local elected officials on Tuesday, August 18 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the City Manager's Large Conference Room. If you are unable to attend, we recommend that you send a representative to attend on your behalf.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.



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